## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 (i.e., the priority claim) with the following marked up paragraph:

This ~~Application is a continuation-in-part~~ application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/457,132, filed Mar. 24, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following marked up paragraph:

The present invention relates to an improved method and apparatus for facial recognition. Generally, various facial recognition systems are known. In such systems, one or more images are compared with one or more previously stored images to determine whether a match exists. Typically, facial recognition systems fall into two categories, authentication and identification. An authentication system is used to determine whether a person is who he claims to be. The authentication system includes a database having images and identification information regarding a set of people. A specific image is retrieved based upon the identification information. The retrieved image is compared to ~~an~~ a newly acquired image of the person to determine whether a match exists. If the images are sufficient similar, then the person is determined correspond to the stored person. Authentication systems can be used to control access to secure locations or information. If the person matches the stored image, then access is allowed. Otherwise, access is denied. In identification systems, the person needs to be identified. A newly acquired image of the individual is compared to the entire database of images to determine whether a match exists. Such systems are used to determine identity when the person is unable or unwilling to provide identification. The method and apparatus of the present invention can be used with any type of facial recognition system.